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MARAC "Votes" for Richmond

The Commonwealth of Virginia invites all of you to the fall 1994 MARAC meeting to be held in its capital city, Richmond, October 27th through 29th. Richmond has retained much of its historic charm while adapting to meet the needs of twentieth-century Virginians. It has changed significantly since MARAC last met here in the spring of 1985.

The area that became Richmond was visited by the first English colonists not long after their landing in Jamestown in 1607. William Byrd II helped to lay out the town in the early eighteenth century, almost fifty years after it was established as a trading post at the Falls of the James. Richmond finally came of age when it was selected as the seat of government in 1780. Richmond grew considerably over the next fifty years and had developed into a city with a sizable manufacturing interest by 1860. No single event shaped the history of the city as profoundly as the "The Late Unpleasantness". The "Warh", as it is still known to Richmonders today, pushed the city into international prominence as the capital of the newly formed Confederate States of America. Four years of war and the devastating evacuation fire of April 1865 destroyed the city. The post-war recovery was slow but ultimately was stimulated by the growth of the tobacco industry. Allen & Ginter established their cigarette factory in Richmond and the post-war rebuilding began.

Tobacco continues to play a role in Richmond's economy today. Philip Morris cigarette production operation is based in Richmond. Richmond is also a banking, securities and commodities center. In 1914, Richmond was selected for the Fifth District Federal Reserve Bank. Richmond is the headquarters for several Fortune 500 companies including Reynolds Metals, Circuit City, James River Corporation and the CSX Corporation.

Richmond today, although a gateway to the past, has all the amenities of a modern city. Several major airlines and Amtrak provide regular service to Richmond. USAir will serve as the conference airline.

The Omni Richmond Hotel is the site of the fall Meeting. Room rates are $82 a night, single or double occupancy. The Omni is located in historic Shockoe Slip adjacent to many restaurants including the Richbrau Brewery and Queen Arms Pub, a local microbrewery. It is just three blocks from the State Capitol and within walking distance of many museums and cultural institutions including the White House and Museum of the Confederacy, the Valentine Museum and Wickham House, the John Marshall House, and the James River and Kanawha Canal Locks.

The theme for the fall meeting is "The Changing Archival Environment: Through Women's Eyes." The Program Committee, chaired by Betsy Pittman of Virginia Commonwealth University, has developed an interesting range of sessions and workshops with something for everyone. Workshops include basic arrangement and description, electronic records, preservation of local government records, and the wonderful world of gopher! Our plenary speaker is Dr. Sandra Gioia Treadway, Director, Division of Publications and Cultural Affairs at the Virginia State Library and Archives. The theme of the conference, "The Changing Archival Environment: Through Women's Eyes", invites participants to discuss

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approaches to new questions posed by traditional and non-traditional researchers.

Utilizing women's collections as examples, sessions will focus on the documentation of education, religion, ethnic communities, organizations, involvement in war and various professions in the United States. Who are our users and what questions are they asking? The richness and depth of women's collections have been more recently publicized to a much wider audience through Ken Burns' "Civil War" series and the motion picture "A League of Their Own". Without the diaries, letters, ephemera, clippings and other related materials of women involved in "The Great Unpleasantness" and the All American Professional Girls Baseball League these films would not have been possible. How do recent trends in research (historical, social, cultural and otherwise) affect our appraisal decisions? Can hidden "gems" in the collection now become an attraction? Come to Richmond and share your thoughts with your colleagues.

Other sessions further the discussion of new technologies and their archival applications. How will the mounting of entire guides on gophers affect MARC-AMC cataloging and automated access to collections? What are the recent trends and developments in imaging technology?

For those with wide-ranging responsibilities consider the sessions on ephemera and scrapbooks or federal and state record keeping requirements for local governments. In addition, the MARAC Outreach Committee will be holding a roundtable discussion of outreach possibilities, options and opportunities.

No meeting is complete without social activities. The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Jodi Koste of Virginia Commonwealth University, is planning plenty for you to do and see while in Richmond. On Friday afternoon, a special lecture in honor of the late Waverly Winfree, former manuscripts curator at the Virginia Historical Society, will be held. This will be followed by a reception at the newly expanded facility of the Virginia Historical Society.

There is much to see and do in Richmond. Plan to come early and stay late. Fall is a spectacular time of year. The city is blessed with an abundance of beautiful maple trees, many of which are showcased on Richmond's famous Monument Avenue. This tree-lined street honors Confederate Heroes or, as it is known to our northern colleagues, the avenue of second-place trophies.

The meeting is scheduled just before Halloween and some of you may enjoy getting in the holiday spirit by visiting the Poe Museum. Edgar Allen Poe called Richmond home for a portion of his short life. Richmond's famous Hollywood Cemetery, the final resting place of Presidents James Monroe and John Tyler as well as Confederates too numerous to name is also worth visiting at this time of year.

Historic Richmond Foundation will offer tours of Richmond's numerous battlefields for Civil War enthusiasts. The Annabel Lee, a James River cruise boat, offers visitors a view of the plantation homes along the James River. The Local Arrangements Committee will offer a tour of Valentine Riverside, an interactive history park on the banks of the James River at the site of the restored nineteenth-century Tredegar Iron Works. Gregg Kimball of the Valentine Museum, the museum of the history and life of Richmond, will lead the tour of this facility. For those interested in the Commonwealths capital, there will be a walking tour of the capital square. This will feature the magnificent state capital building designed by Thomas Jefferson. The Local Arrangements Committee will also offer organized repository tours of the Virginia State Library and Archives, the Virginia Historical Society Manuscripts Department, and Special Collections and Archives at the James Branch Cabell Library of VCU.

Other sites of interest just a short ride from the hotel include the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and The Science Museum of Virginia in the old Richmond Union Station designed by John Russell Pope. Other sites include Maymont, the former estate of Major James H. Dooley, and the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, home of the first female bank president and founder of the St. Luke's Penny Bank, now the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company.

This and much more awaits you in Richmond, a living classic. The Program and Local Arrangements Committees look forward to seeing you in Richmond to explore the city, travel the Internet, and investigate with us the changing archival environment during the fall splendor. Hope to see y'all there.

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New York Archives Calendar Honored With Graphic Arts Award

The *New York Archives calendar 1994* was selected as the year's best calendar by the Association of the Graphic Arts (AGA). The calendar was published by the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. as part of its New York Archives Week celebration.

Entries are judged by a panel of printing and design professionals on the quality of printing and design. Judges evaluate the effective use of paper, type, color, binding and other production elements. Chosen from a field of more than 800 entries, the winners exemplify the excellence of the graphic arts industry in New York and New Jersey.

Established in 1865, the Association of the Graphic Arts (AGA) is a nonprofit trade organization representing more than 400 printers and graphic arts professionals throughout New York City, northern New Jersey, Long Island and Westchester County. The annual AGA Awards are a celebration of the finest printing, typography, prepress and finishing produced by metropolitan art firms during the past year.

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New Research Opportunities at the New York State Archives: Data Sets and Users' Guides Now Available

The New York State Archives has developed user-friendly guides to five significant electronic records series. Each guide incorporates five basic features to simplify access to the data: a technical requirement sheet summarizing the file structure, storage format, record count, and hardware and software specifications; the historical development of the system which also describes the original uses for the data; a description of data collection methods; codebooks defining all data elements; and file layouts illustrating the structure of each record.

A user's guide is available for each of the sets of electronic records described in this leaflet. A typical guide describes the source and contents of the data files, the system requirements, and the general file structure. A guide may also contain lengthy appendices of file layouts, listing individual data elements. Single copies of a guide (without appendices) are available on request. Copies of appendices will be supplied to researchers who require them. These users' guides can be obtained by contacting the Research Services Unit, New York State Archives, 11D40, CEC, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230 (518-474-8955). The data sets are available to the public at the cost of media reproduction.

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New York State Archives Releases New Guide to Revolutionary War Records

The New York State Archives has issued a guide to its holdings relating to the Revolutionary War, a 54 page finding aid that describes 75 records series totalling nearly 120 cubic feet. The guide will enable researchers to locate a variety of information on the military and political conduct of the War in New York, a pivotal state in the conflict. Several of the most important military campaigns of the war were conducted within the state. Geographically, the state contained a major port city, a water corridor to Canada via Lakes George and Champlain, and the eastern-most boundary of the Great Lakes.

Additional information on the contents, availability, and use of the records listed in this guide, or on other state archives holdings is available from the State Archives. The Archives research facility is open to researchers weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Research Services, New York State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York 12230, or by calling 518-474-8955.

Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) Awards 13 Grants

The State Archives and Records Administration, State Education Department has announced $114,022 in funding for thirteen projects as part of its Documentary Heritage Program (DHP). The DHP is a statewide program to ensure the identification, sound administration, and accessibility of New York's nongovernment historical records. This year, funding priority was given to grant applications that focused on deindustrialization, economic revitalization, and new population groups in post-World War II New York:

1. **Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies & Museums, Elmsford, $7,340**, for *Everybody's Talking: Oral History Collections as an Archival Model for Regional Multicultural Documentation*. Recent research indicates that 50 historical organizations in the LHC's region (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester counties) have oral history collections with information on a range of ethnic groups. LHC will conduct a pilot project to survey and describe these holdings. Such a project could serve as a model for use in other areas of the state.

2. **Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture/The New York Public Library, $13,497**, for *Anglophone and Francophone Caribbean New Yorkers: A Documentary Heritage Project*. The Schomburg Center will conduct a program to document the history of these particular populations in New York. No other repository in the state is currently involved in such a documentation effort.

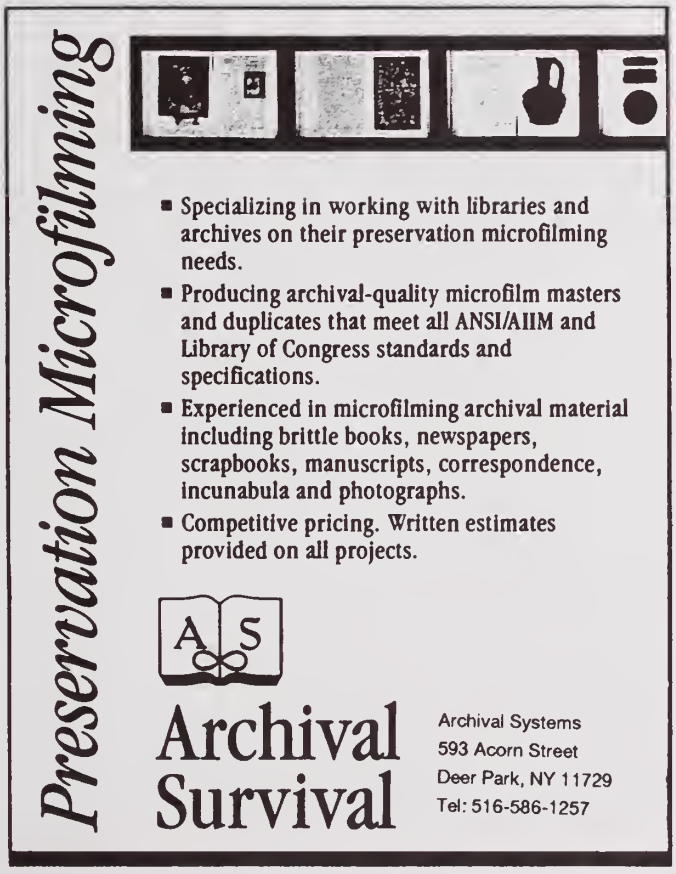
3. **Onondaga County Public Library - Beauchamp Branch Library, Syracuse, $17,723**, for *Beauchamp Branch Library Neighborhood Documentation Project*. The Beauchamp Branch Library will document a 50-year history of the African-American neighborhood it serves. That population in Syracuse has grown by 120 percent since World War II, when people from southern states and rural areas came to Syracuse to work in the city's factories.

4. **Schoharie County Historical Society, Schoharie, $2,240**, for *Arrangement and Description of Agricultural Records*. Established to educate the public about the history of Schoharie County, the society will chronicle the history of, and changes in, agriculture in Schoharie County between 1850 and 1971.

5. **Delaware County Historical Association, Delhi, $15,544**, for *Survey: Ethnic Resorts of the Catskill's Records*. In the Catskills, the wide range of ethnic groups of summer vacationers created an atmosphere in which they could express, adapt and pass on ethnic traditions. The materials created by these groups will be surveyed by the association.

6. **Adirondack Museum, Blue Mountain Lake, $23,506**, for *The Hidden Heritage: A Survey of Collections Documenting Ethnic Groups in the Adirondacks*. Recent research indicates that Adirondack ethnicity is far more diverse than was previously thought. The museum will conduct a survey of collections documenting the history of ethnic groups in the region.

7. **Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, $1,365**, for *Needs Assessment Survey for the Archives of the Burke Library*. Burke Library Archives comprises four main records groups. For this project the library will assess the archival records of the Union and Auburn Seminaries and suggest priorities for processing and automating the records. The library will also suggest ways to promote interest in these records, which reflect the institutions' leadership in social issues and religious morals.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8. **Fenton Historical Society, Jamestown, $1,500**, for *Arrangement and Description of Local Industrial Records*. The Society holds archival materials documenting the economic, political, patriotic, educational, cultural and social life of Jamestown and its adjoining areas. The project will focus on records that chronicle the history of the furniture and tool industries, which were largely owned by Swedes, during the period since 1900.

9. **New York University Archival Collections Unit, $9,926**, for *Shared Description Project*, which will make the records of labor organizations, such as Steelworkers Local 2693, Chinese Staff Workers Association, and Asian Garment Workers more accessible to researchers.

10. **Fort Plain Museum, For Plain, $2,500**, for *Arrangement and Description of Museum Records*. The Museum was established to preserve the history of the Mohawk Valley and further an understanding of that history through educational programs, exhibits, and research in historic documents. It will arrange and describe its records documenting industrialization, transportation, deindustrialization, agriculture, and revitalization/tourism in the Mohawk Valley.

11. **Hofstra University Archives, Hempstead, $5,116**, for *Arrangement and Description of Harvey J. Levin Papers*. The Levin Papers relate to his work concerning the television and radio broadcasting industry. Levin, a Professor of Economics at the University, was primarily interested in public policies toward broadcasting. The records span the years 1954 to 1991 and include materials related to his profession affiliations and achievements, his writing and speeches, and his work as professor at Hofstra.

12. **Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, New York City, $7,164**, for *US MARC Conversion Project*. The Center will use the US MARC format, the standard recognized by the library and archival community, to catalog and inventory col-

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lections which document the emergence and growth of New York City's lesbian and gay community. The collection traces the political, social and cultural milestones and struggles of the community.

13. **Saratoga Springs Public Library, $6,601**, for *Saratoga Springs Economic Records Survey*. The library will serve as the lead institution for the Saratoga Springs History Roundtable effort to identify and acquire privately held records that document Saratoga Springs history, particularly its economic and social aspects.

The Documentary Heritage program, established September 1, 1988, when Governor Cuomo signed the Documentary Heritage Law, provides support for archives, libraries, historical societies, and other programs that collect, hold, and provide access to historical records, and for organizations providing advisory services to such programs. Project grants are available to strengthen historical records programs, arrange and describe records, encourage use, develop improved techniques and approaches to the management of historical record, and support related activities. The Law indicates a priority for projects that improve the documentation of racial and ethnic groups and of underdocumented subjects, institutions, and activities. The next deadline for applications for DHP grants is March 1, 1995. For more information, contact: Kathleen Roe, Principal Archivist, Documentary Heritage Program, State Archives and Records Administration, Room 9B38 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230, (518) 474-4372.

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On-Line Directory of State Government Information. The State Archives and Records Administration (SARA) and the New York State Library are jointly developing an Information Locator System (ILS) for State government information. The ILS is an online directory that identifies information sources and provides assistance in how to gain access to those sources. The ILS will describe state agency programs; provide listings of government services, personnel and other directory information; and help users locate a wide variety of useful government information.

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Important Environmental Records Preserved. Historical maps, field books and images spanning three centuries of Adirondack history will be preserved by the New York State Archives with a $115,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Archives will be using state-of-the-art preservation technology, including color microfiche and polyester based roll film, to preserve the records of 19th century lawyer/surveyor Verplanck Colvin, who spent 27 years exploring and mapping the Adirondacks. The grant will also be used to preserve nearly 7,000 glass and nitrate negatives, taken from 1904-1949, and the field books of James Frost, another early surveyor.

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New Publications Available. Local governments in the state can add three new SARA publications to their records management libraries: "Electronic Document Imaging and Optical Storage Systems for Local Governments: An Introduction," "Optical Storage Systems for Records and Information Management: Overview Recommendations and Guidelines for Local Governments," and "Producing High Quality Microfilm." Records Management Officers in state agencies received the latest SARA booklet in the State Government Records Management Series, "Guide to Efficient Filing Systems."

For more information, contact Judy P. Hohmann, 10A46 Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York 12230.

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State Archives Releases New Guide to World War II Records

The State Archives and Records Administration has released a finding aid to its holdings on the records of the New York State home front during World War II. *They Also Served: New Yorkers on the Home Front, A Guide to Records of the New York State War Council*, is now available. This important group of records, which document the mobilization of the 13 million people of New York State behind one single effort, is fully accessible for the first time.

Long before Pearl Harbor, New York began mobilizing for the impending war. To deal with war emergencies and to coordinate the many state and federal programs established to protect citizens at home and win the war overseas, the New York State Defense Council was created. The Council was initially comprised of a small group of business, government, and civic leaders. As the Defense Council, it worked to stimulate military production in the state and prepare New Yorkers for the eventuality of war. As the War Council (the name changed when war was declared), its emphasis shifted to concerns of food shortages, housing for defense industry workers, and New York's Civil Defense.

The records of the New York State War Council are available to researchers at the State Archives research facility weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Further information about the content or use of these or other State Archives holdings is available from The Research Services Unit, New York State Archives and Records Administration, Cultural Education Center, Room 11D40, Albany, NY 12230, (518) 474-8955.

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Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries Awarded $1.35 Million Cataloging Grant

The Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries has been awarded $1.35 million by The Pew Charitable Trusts to complete a collaborative cataloging project to improve access to rare books, manuscripts, archives, films, photographs, and drawings in 15 Philadelphia-area research libraries. The Pew Charitable Trusts' grant, which is being matched by $582,000 in institutional contributions, will result in the addition of 200,000 computerized descriptions of holdings to the electronic cataloging networks - On-Line Computer Library Center (OCLC) and Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN) — which currently link thousands of libraries and museums around the world.

The Consortium, comprised of twenty Philadelphia-area research libraries, was founded in 1985 to ensure that Philadelphia's extraordinary library collections continue to be preserved, supported, appreciated, and utilized. Each of the consortium's member institutions is dedicated to public service through its collections, and the Consortium was devised to provide structure for inter-institutional cooperation that would improve that public service. In 1988, the Consortium mounted a collaborative exhibition, "Legacies of Genius: A Celebration of Philadelphia Libraries," featuring the treasures from Consortium library collections, and has just completed the first phase of the "Initiative for the 1990s" collaborative cataloging project.

Institutions that will participate in the final two years of the project are the American Philosophical Society, The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Free Library of Philadelphia, Hagley Museum & Library, Haverford College, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, The Library Company of Philadelphia, Presbyterian Historical Society, The Rosenbach Museum & Library, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Temple University, The University of Pennsylvania, and the Winterthur Museum Library.

The Pew Charitable Trusts, a national and international philanthropy with a special commitment to Philadelphia, support nonprofit activities in the areas of culture, education, environment, health and human services, public policy and religion. Through their grantmaking, the Trusts seek to encourage individual development and personal achievement, cross-disciplinary problem solving and innovative, practical approaches to meet the changing needs of a global society.

For more information concerning the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries generally or the cataloging project particularly,

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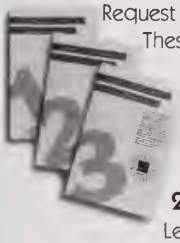

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contact the Consortium's President, Thomas A. Horrocks, at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 561-6050.

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NHPRC-sponsored Nursing History Processing and Cataloging Project Successfully Completed

The Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, is pleased to announce the completion of the Nursing History Processing and Cataloging Project which began in December 1991. Funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the project has enabled the Center to process, describe, and catalog twenty-four collections (approximately 300 linear feet) of organizational records and personal papers.

The Center for the Study of the History of Nursing serves as a repository for primary source materials pertinent to the development of nursing in the Mid-Atlantic region and as a national center for visiting nurse society materials. Its holdings, which are catalogued in RLIN, include the records of hospitals, schools of nursing, nursing alumni associations, voluntary non-profit associations, professional associations, military associations; and the personal papers of individual practitioners, collectors, and researchers. The Center facilitates use of its collections by sponsoring and conducting historical research in nursing and disseminates research findings through teaching, conferences, and publications.

For more information about the Center's activities, contact Curator Margo Szabunia at (215) 898-4502.

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Introducing "A Guide to Materials on Women in the Pennsylvania State University Archives"

Women's experiences at Penn State for more than a century are documented in a new reference volume (published December 1993), "A Guide to Materials on Women in the Pennsylvania State University Archives." Kristen Turner surveyed the entire holdings of the University Archives in order to identify manuscript collections and archival material created by women or related to women's experiences.

The guide provides information on a wide variety of materials including 30 collections of papers created by women staff members, students, and faculty ; records of 19 women's organizations; materials documenting women's sport and recreation teams at Penn State; additional manuscript collections containing accounts of women's experiences and institutional records that deal with issues concerning women in the University; biographical and professional data on women employees and alumnae; films, videos, and audio tapes by and about women; and a description of the records of the Ogontz School founded as a finishing school for young women in Philadelphia in 1850.

Cost is $10.95; all orders must be prepaid. To order: "Women's Guide", Penn State University Libraries Accounting Department, E506 Pattee Library, University Park, PA 16802; (814)865-0401.

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The Virginia Caucus held its annual meeting March 25th at Washington and Lee University. At the meeting two resolutions were passed.

Whereas, archivists come in many forms and many faces;

Whereas, archivists certainly work in public places;

Whereas, archivists do not always receive the recognition which they deserve for preserving manuscript spaces;

Resolved, therefore, that the Virginia Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, do hereby thank Edward J. Boone, Jr. for his twenty years of professional service as an archivist.

Resolve: That the members of the Virginia Caucus take this opportunity to thank Betsy Pittman for her four years of service representing the Commonwealth of Virginia as State Representative to MARAC.

The caucus also presented a check for $375.00 to the Virginia Historical Society for the Waverly K. Winfree Memorial Fund. The fund will be used to purchase collections.

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The Virginia Historical Society has received $50,262 from NEH for automated access to materials documenting four centuries of women's history in the South. Dr. Gail S. Terry has been employed as the project archivist. The project runs for 18 months.

Reference Shelf

Reference Materials Awards

The National Endowment for the Humanities Reference Materials Program supports projects to prepare reference works that will improve access to information and resources. Support is available for the creation of dictionaries, historical or linguistic atlases, encyclopedias, concordances, reference grammars, databases, textbases, and other projects that will provide essential scholarly **tools** for the advancement of research or for general reference purposes. Grants also may support projects that will assist scholars and researchers to locate information about humanities documentation. Such projects result in scholarly **guides** that allow researchers to determine the usefulness or relevance of specific materials for their work. Eligible for support are such projects as bibliographies, bibliographic databases, catalogues raisonnés, other descriptive catalogues, indexes, union lists, and other guides to materials in the humanities. In both areas, support is also available for projects that address important issues related to the design or accessibility of reference works. The application deadline is September 15, 1994 for projects beginning after July 1, 1995. For more information write to: Reference Materials, Room 318, NEH, Washington, D.C. 20506.

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Manuscript Division Publishes 1992 Acquisitions Report

From the papers of theologian Reinhold Niebuhr to the records of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the recently published 1992 issue of Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division reflects the breadth and diversity of the Library's manuscript collections and the institution's commitment to build on its strengths. With one exception, all the acquisitions featured in the 1992 report represent important additions to collections begun years earlier. Amassing and assembling these collections required persistence and patience spanning years and even decades. Many of these collections have now been processed as part of the Library's arrearage reduction effort and are available for research use.

Among the collections featured in the 79-page, illustrated report are the papers of Daniel Roberdeau, an important but little-known Revolutionary War leader; Jeremiah S. Black, United States attorney general and secretary of state during President James Buchanan's administration; the seafaring Palmer and Loper families of Stonington, Connecticut; Merritt A. Edson, one of the most distinguished Marine Corps officers of World War II; theologian and ethicist Reinhold Niebuhr, who was once called "the greatest living political philosopher of America" by noted political scientist Hans J. Morgenthau; and Elliot Richardson, a prominent lawyer, politician, and Cabinet official who held important positions under four U.S. presidents.

Also included is an article on the records of one of the premier civil rights organizations of the 20th century, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and a lively piece on editor Ken McCormick's collection of files documenting the Doubleday & Company publishing histories of some of this century's most important intellectual and cultural personalities.

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Although *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1992* describes only a few collections in depth, others are mentioned in articles of a more general nature, and all acquisitions are listed in tabular form at the end of the report. A bibliography of Manuscript Division publications, including finding aids, registers, guides, and brochures, follows the acquisitions table. Single copies of *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1992* are available free upon request from the Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Washington, D.C. 20540-4780.

Researchers interested in consulting any of the division's collections are advised to write or telephone the Manuscript Reading Room at (202) 707-5387 prior to visiting. Many processed and nearly all unprocessed collections are stored off site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

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The National Archives has published a new booklet, "Holocaust: The Documentary Evidence," which offers a small but important selection of records, focusing primarily on Hitler's "final solution to the Jewish question."

World War II is an event massive in scale and so far-reaching in effect that we still live with its consequences and struggle to grasp its meaning. Nazi Germany called into question not only territorial boundaries and the world balance of power, but also Western concepts of progress, democracy, and the definition of humanity itself.

In 1978, the National Archives prepared an exhibition entitled "Holocaust: The Documentary Evidence." Robert Wolfe, currently Assistant Director, Center for Captured German and Related Records, selected the items in the exhibit from the captured German records and the World War II war crimes records in the Archives. This material was revised in 1990 and is now available in booklet form. The booklet's introduction, written by staff member Henry J. Gwiazda II, outlines the immediate historical context of the documents used and discusses World War II, Nazi ideology, and the racial war against the Jews and other non-Aryans.

The documents concentrate on the Jewish victims of the racial war as a case study of the most extensive genocidal victimization from Nazi racial policies. Inevitably the materials also include reference to other Nazi victims. They record decisions and policies that were part of a larger plan to create a new European social order based on race, a society that was being built by military force, mass resettlement, mass enslavement, and mass murder The tragedy of the holocaust provides a searing insight into the "New Order" the Nazis might have built had the war turned out differently.

"Holocaust: The Documentary Evidence" is available for $5.00 (plus $3.00 shipping/handling) from the National Archives Trust Fund, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384. VISA and MasterCard orders can be placed by calling (800) 788-6282.

The documents are also available as an exhibit in poster format. For information, write to the National Archives Fulfillment Center (NEDC), 8700 Edgeworth Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743-3701.

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***Spreading The Word,* The Bible Business in Nineteenth-Century America**

Civil war, the completion of transcontinental railroads, rapid urbanization and industrialization, the rise of managerial capitalism, and new entanglements abroad rent the fabric of life in nineteenth-century America. Through all the turmoil, the American Bible Society thrived. This engaging book tells how a modest antebellum reform agency responded to cataclysmic social change and grew to be a nonprofit corporate bureaucracy that managed, among other projects, what was one of the largest publishing houses in the United States.

Peter J. Wosh weaves a richly detailed narrative that places the Society's transformation within the cultural, racial, and religious landscape of its times. In the process, he offers keen insight into the processes of institutionalization, bureaucratization, professionalization, and community-building. *Spreading the Word* is also the story of people – from patrician New Yorkers who sat on the ABS governing board to shrewd young men-on-the-rise who served as Bible Agents, from wealthy Quaker philanthropist Thomas Eddy, to poverty-stricken New Englander Simeon Calhoun. As Wosh journeys through venues as diverse as a clapboard Primitive Baptist meetinghouse in Kentucky and the spectacular five-story Bible House in New York City, he overturns traditional views of benevolence and reform.

Peter J. Wosh is Director of Archives and Library Services at the American Bible Society. History/American Studies/Religion, July, 264 pages, 10 black-and-white illustrations, $35.00 cloth.

MARAC NEWS

APEX Grant Proposal Not Funded

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission at its June meeting voted not to recommend grant support for MARAC's Archival Projects Evaluation Extension (APEX) program. APEX was conceived to provide basic archival technical assistance consultancies to small public and private nonprofit institutions in the MARAC region.

In her letter to MARAC Chair, Lucious Edwards, NHPRC Program Director, Nancy Sahli, "commend(s) MARAC for aspiring to expand the CAPES program into a regional technical assistance program." Although the NHPRC did not recommend funding APEX as presented, it did recommend that MARAC consider revising the proposal following consultation with Commission staff and resubmit it at a later date. The MARAC Steering Committee will discuss this recommendation at future Steering Committee meetings.

MARAC members are requested to disregard the June 6 mailing they received from Lucious Edwards advertising the search for a Host Site and containing the position announcements for Project Director and APEX State Coordinators.

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New Administrator

On June 20, 1994 Diana Shenk at Penn State University assumed the duties of MARAC Administrator. She will maintain the membership database, handle all other administrative matters concerning membership, and channel publications orders and requests to another member who will carry out publications sales. If you have a change of address, need any MARAC information, would like to order a publication, or want to refer a prospective new member, please contact Diana. Her address is MARAC, Diana Shenk, W313, Pattee Library, Penn State University, University Park PA 16802. Her phone is 814-863-3181; fax is 814-865-3665; and e-mail is dxs@psulias.psu.edu.

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The following is a list of Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference publications available for purchase:

GUIDELINES FOR ARCHIVES & MANUSCRIPT REPOSITORIES $3.50

THE COALITION TO SAVE OUR DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE,
Charlene Bickford 3.50

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND ARCHIVES,
Mary Boccaccio, ed. 3.00

AUTOMATION IN ARCHIVES,
Donald F. Harrison, ed. 10.00

APPRAISAL OF SOCIAL WELFARE CASE FILES,
Thomas E. Mills 2.00

COMPUTING THE TOTAL COST OF ARCHIVAL PROCESSING,
Thomas Wilsted 2.00

PLANNING FOR ARCHIVAL PROGRAMS: AN INTRODUCTION,
Bruce W. Dearstyne 2.00

PROCESSING CONGRESSIONAL COLLECTIONS,
Mary Boccaccio & David W. Carmichael 2.00

DEVELOPING ARCHIVAL EXHIBITIONS,
Shawn Aubitz & Gail F. Stern 2.00

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS IN ARCHIVES,
David W. Carmichael 2.00

IDENTIFYING & HANDLING CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN ARCHIVES,
Kenneth Schlessinger & Marvin F. Russell 2.00

ARCHIVAL SAMPLING: A METHOD OF APPRAISAL,
James Gregory Bradsher & Bruce L. Ambacher 2.00

Contact Diana Shenk, W313, Pattee Library, Penn State University, University Park PA 16802.

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The MARAC Finding Aids Awards Committee met at the National Archives on March 9, 1994 to review finding aids submitted for the 1993 competition. We received ten finding aids from nine institutions. All were interesting and of good quality. After extensive deliberation the Committee voted the prize to the *Guide to Photographs in the Pennsylvania State Archives*, compiled by Linda Ries. Honorable mention went to the revised edition of the *Guide to Records in the New York State Archives*. Entries are now being accepted for the 1994 competition. Inquiries and two copies of finding aids submitted should be sent to Ms. Nancy Fortna, National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

People

Ervin L. Jordan, Jr. was recognized in April 1994 by the Old Dominion University chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi as an outstanding alumnus at its Honors and Awards program.

Professor Jordan is the Associate Curator for the Special Collections Department of the University of Virginia Library. He is a biographical entry in the 1993 edition of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest* and will appear in the 1995-96 edition of *Who's Who in the World*.

Professor Jordan also teaches a two-semester night school course on African-American history at Piedmont Virginia Community College and his

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Q & A

Question: I work in a small archives with an equally small budget. Does anyone have suggestions for ways that I can increase the visibility of my collection to the public – without a great deal of expense? I would be grateful for any ideas/tips you could give me. (Washington, D.C.)

Answer 1: There are two ways to approach this question. The more traditional is to define visibility as awareness of your institution's purpose and holdings. Another definition could be developing a larger user clientele.

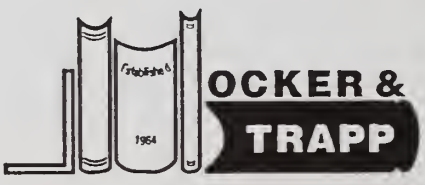
The most common tools that archivists use to inform the public are brochures, exhibits, public presentations, and slide shows. These can be produced in-house at a relatively low cost if you have access to computer equipment and a camera. A brochure need not be glossy or contain photographs. A simple one-page fact sheet on good quality paper will work just as well. Exhibits highlighting your archive's holdings are a great way to introduce the public and fellow staff members to your collections. Exhibits can be costly as they entail expenses such as display cases and exhibit labels, but if you have the cases already and can create the labels yourself using a PC and a laser printer, you can lower your costs significantly. Some of the most cost-effective ways to increase the visibility of your collections are through public lectures and slide shows. Archivists often have pools of potential speakers among their staff and local researchers. An archivist can offer lectures in conjunction with exhibits or other celebrations if she prefers not to set up a formal lecture series. With a 35-mm camera, an archivist can produce a slide show that either focuses on her collections or other appropriate topics. Despite the costs involved in developing the film, slide shows are good tools as they are easy to use. The best slide shows are designed so they can be updated or changed without much difficulty.

One tool that archivists need to consider using more often is the media. By sending out press releases about exhibit openings and lecture series to the media, archivists can generate interest in their collections among the various local media outlets - newspaper, radio, and television. The end result sought here is not just press coverage but use of the collections by the media, too.

The tools mentioned above are designed for general consumption, but how does an archivist attract new researchers? Archivists can disseminate information on their collections to potential users through various publications and convention attendance. Most scholarly journals have news sections that will print announcements of collection openings and the like. The archivist should consider presenting a paper or setting up a traveling exhibit or manning a booth at a wide variety of conventions. If you are interested in informing younger people about your collections, I would recommend learning more about the National History Day program in your local community. Students who take part in National History Day must work with primary sources. The students present the results of their research in a variety of formats to a panel of judges. By helping to judge, an archivist can establish contacts with local school teachers and perhaps raise interest in doing research at your institution. Ultimately, each archivist must determine the form of outreach/publicity that best suits her institution's needs and resources.

– Susan McElrath, Archivist
Bethune Museum and Archives, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

Answer 2: The Virginia Room of the Arlington County Library has an archival collection that focuses on the history and development of the county with the usual assortment of government and organizational photographs, etc. We are always looking for ways to add to our collection and this means increasing our visibility – letting people know that we are here and that we will provide a safe storage place for their personal papers, photographs and records. One way we have found to get the word out has been through a



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series of "Arlington Reunions" which we have been holding monthly. These feature a different long-time Arlington resident as a "speaker" each time, but the sessions involve a lot of sharing of memories from the audience. We've been able to get a lot of free publicity for these reunions in the various local newspapers, and we always give a speil about our archives and the importance for future researchers of collecting this local history from our residents.

Another way we publicize our services is to write a short article for the local bar association newsletter. It briefly states the purpose of our collection and points out that any attorneys handling an estate that includes papers, photos, etc. of local historical interest can suggest to the heirs that they donate these items to the library archives. If the heirs don't want to part with the originals we will make copies of the documents on acid-free paper and return the originals (plus an acid-free copy) to them.

In the future, we plan to place a similar announcement in the county newsletter that goes out to the citizens and another in the various civic association newsletters. We are also planning an exhibit of clothing from the 19th century that we acquired as part of a collection of papers and artifacts from a prominent Arlington family that settled in the county in 1870.

– Ingrid Kauffman
Librarian
Virginia Room
Arlington County Library

Question for Next Issue: *I am the first professional archivist at a small repository. Prior to my arrival, materials were collected for both the institutional archives and as manuscript collections, but no deeds of gift were completed. However, there is sometimes donor correspondence on file. Should I try to get completed deeds of gift from the donors for all of these donations, even though some of them have been here for up to 10 years, and many have been integrated into the institutional archives? Or should I target only the larger and/or more "significant" donations for this process? Or finally, should I just "let sleeping dogs lie," and rely on existing donor records? Any advice would be appreciated. (Signed, a "one-arranger" from Maryland)*

UPCOMING MARAC MEETINGS

Fall Meeting 1994
Richmond, Virginia
October 27th - 29th

Spring Meeting 1995
Baltimore, Maryland
No dates set

Fall Meeting 1995
Wilmington, Delaware
November 6th - 9th

Spring Meeting 1996
College Park, Maryland
May 2nd - 4th (tentative date)

Fall Meeting 1996
Wilmington, Delaware
November 6th - 9th

Spring Meeting 1997
Charlottesville, Virginia
No dates set

Fall Meeting 1997
Wilmington, Delaware
November 5th - 8th

Spring Meeting 1998
State College, Pennsylvania
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Formal Dedication of National Archives at College Park

On Thursday, May 12, the National Archives at College Park was formally dedicated. The ceremony began at 10 a.m. with a welcome from Acting Archivist Trudy Huskamp Peterson and remarks from Jean-Pierre Wallot, Archivist of Canada and President, International Council on Archives. Other speakers included Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD); Dr. William Kirwan, President, University of Maryland at College Park; and Parris Glendening, County Executive, Prince George's County, Maryland. Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD) delivered the main address. Mr. Hoyer was instrumental in bringing the building to Maryland by identifying the site for the new facility and helping to secure financing for it.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Peterson announced that the research complex within Archives II will be named in honor of Representative Hoyer. The center is located on five floors and, when completed, will be able to accommodate 390 researchers at a time. The dedication and naming of the new research center will take place in Spring of 1996 when the move of records to Archives II is completed.

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On March 2, 1994, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the case: D. Mark Katz v. National Archives and Records Administration. The plaintiff, Mark Katz, sought access under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the autopsy photographs and x-rays of President John F. Kennedy. These materials are in the possession of the National Archives pursuant to a 1966 Deed of Gift. The Court found that the Deed of Gift, rather than the FOIA, controls access to the materials. The Court further stated that even if the materials were subject to the FOIA, Exemption 6 of that law exempting from mandatory disclosure the "personnel and medical files ... [that] constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" would protect them from release.

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EMPLOYMENT

As a service to the MARAC membership the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* publishes announcements about professional opportunities for archivists. The *maa* reserves the right to decline or edit announcements that include discriminatory statements inconsistent with principles of intellectual freedom or the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its subsequent amendments.

There is not a fee for publishing job opportunities; however, announcements from the MARAC region will be given priority. The deadlines for the *maa* are December 1st, March 1st, June 1st and September 1st. Because the *maa* is delivered via bulk rate, exact delivery dates cannot be guaranteed.

It is assumed that all employers comply with Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action regulations.

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Duties: The Processing Archivist is mainly responsible for the processing of the Department's archival collections. Processing related duties will include appraisal, accessioning and arrangement and description of archival materials. Other duties include overseeing the museum collection, creating exhibits, responding to reference requests, and writing for the newsletter.

Requirements: MLS or MA in history with formal archival training; one or two years experience in processing archival collections; excellent writing, communication, research and organizational skills; and computer literacy, including experience with word processing and data base programs.

Salary: $26,400 – Full time position with benefits.

Submission deadline: August 15, 1994.

Please submit letter of application, resume, and the names of three references to Susan Miller, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Department of History and Records Management Services, 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

ARCHIVIST

The Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society, a 2500-member non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of the C&O Railway, and its predecessor and affiliate railroads, seeks qualified candidates for the full-time position of Archivist.

Requirements: The position is primarily responsible for processing the original corporate records of the C&O Railway Company. The successful candidate will have a graduate degree in history or library science, with courses in archival administration (work experience and specific accomplishments may satisfy some or all of these requirements). Knowledge of or interest in railroad and/or business history a plus.

Salary: Annual salary is $26,000 funded by an NHPRC grant.

Please send letter of application and resume to: Archivist Search Committee, C&O Historical Society, P.O. Box 79, Clifton Forge, VA 24422

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Archivist
Non-profit fundraising corporation seeks experienced person to manage department and supervise/train staff.

Responsibilities: Responsible for accessions, appraisal, arrangement, and description of historical records of enduring value.

Requirements: Reference and records management skills required as is computer literacy. Strong written and verbal communications skills required.

Qualifications: Master's or graduate course work in library science, records management, black or social history or related discipline preferred. 3-5 years experience in archival work or library science.

Assistant Archivist
Responsibilities: The primary responsibility is to arrange and describe UNCF's archival records. Other duties are to accession records, to appraise records and to assist in reference requests.

Qualifications: Minimum qualifications are a BA in History or related field with at least two years processing experience. Must be computer literate with strong writing skills; knowledge of history of black education desirable.

Send cover letter with resume to: Director, Human Resources, United Negro College Fund, Inc., 700 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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City of Alexandria, Virginia seeks experienced professional to direct and manage the City Archives and Records Management Center.

Requirements: Position requires five years records management or archives administration experience and related field educational background.

Salary: Starting salary range $31,552 - 34,707/yr.

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For more information and a required application form call (703) 838-4422.

People

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forthcoming book (his third), *Black Confederates and Afro-Yankees in Civil War Virginia*, will be published by the University Press of Virginia in February 1995 in conjunction with Black History Month. Professor Jordan has been an archivist at the University of Virginia since 1979 and is currently vice-chair of MARAC.

Larry J. Hackman, Assistant Commissioner of Education for Archives and Records for the State of New York, will serve as Executive Officer of the new New York State Archives Partnership Trust, devoting his energies to its early development. The Trust is a public benefit corporation, created through 1992 legislation, to seek public and private funds to supplement state resources to preserve and make accessible endangered records in the State Archives. Hackman will also direct a new national project, supported by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, to study the administration of records by environmental organizations and to recommend ways to improve their management and to preserve those of long-range research value.

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MARAC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

New York, New York

May 14, 1994

Lucious Edwards, Jr., called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Lucious introduced those seated at the head table: Bob Morris, program chair; John Celardo, local arrangements chair; Ervin Jordan, Jr., MARAC Vice Chair; Marsha Trimble, MARAC Administrator; and Janet Linde, MARAC Secretary.

1. The minutes of the Business Meeting of November 6,1993 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, were approved as published in the Mid-Atlantic Archivist, v.3, no. 1 1994.

2. **Vice Chair's Report** - Ervin Jordan, Jr.

a. The profit from the Gettysburg meeting is approximately $8,000.

b. The following dates, committee chairs, locations, and other details for meetings were announced: Richmond, Virginia--October 27-29 1994, Betsy Pittman, program chair, theme: "The Changing Archival Environment: Through Women's Eyes Jodi Koste, local arrangements chair; Spring 1995, Baltimore, Maryland, Laurie Baty arrangements chair, possibly to be a joint meeting with Oral History Mid-Atlantic (OHMAR); November 8-11, 1995, November 6-9 1996, and November 5-8, 1997, Wilmington, Delaware, a trial fixed meeting site with room rates set at $69.00; Spring 1996, College Park, Maryland, Spring 1997, Charlottesville, Virginia Marsha Trimble, local arrangements chair; and Spring 1998, State College, Pennsylvania.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - Marsha Trimble for Jim Byers

Marsha reviewed some of the highlights of the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter of FY 1992-93, which had been distributed to the meeting attendees, including the fact that the income from the Gettysburg meeting was approximately $9,600, we received $1,170 in membership dues and $836 from publications sales, that income is currently 164% of our budget, that expenses are at 51% of the budget, that $2,000 from the Long Branch meeting was expended on the New York meeting, that Jim has purchased a new certificate of deposit for $30,000 at the highest interest rate offered, and that the Steering Committee had approved the basic outline of a place submitted by the Finance Committee for a scholarship program for the semi-annual meetings.

4. **Presentation of Finding Aids Award** - William Sherman

Bill announced that the selection was made from a field of ten submitting institutions, including six institutions which had not previously submitted finding aids. The first place award was given to Linda Ries of the Pennsylvania State Archives for to Photographs at the Pennsylvania State Archives." The runner-up was Kathleen the New York State Archives for her revision of the "Guide to Records in the New State Archives."

5. **Nominations and Elections Committee Report** - Betsy Pittman

Betsy announced the results of the election: James Byers, Treasurer; Janet Linde Secretary; Mary Elise Haug, Delaware State representative; Rodney Ross, D.C. Representative; Margaret Burri, Maryland State Representative; Ben Primer, New Jersey State Representative; Leonora Gidlund, New York State Representative; Theresa Snyder, Pennsylvania State Representative; Eileen Parris, Virginia State Representative; Armstrong, West Virginia State Representative; Frances Seeber and Diane Windham, Custer Award Committee; and Geraldine Phillips, Karen Stuart and Marsha Trimble, Nominations and Elections Committee. Lucious then addressed the meeting on the election process and the need for individuals to be willing to run for office. Frank suggested we try appointing younger members to serve as interns on committees. Lucious suggested the possibility of lengthening terms or providing some limited financial support for out-of-town meetings. David Anderson made the point that perhaps when the scholarship program is begun, the scholarship will be involved in some way.

6. **APEX Proposal Report** - Lucious Edwards, Jr.

Lucious announced that, pending approval of the grant proposal by NHPRC, a mailing will be going out regarding the position of Project Director and the site for the project.

7. **Richmond Preview** - Jodi Koste

A slide show depicting the attractions, both historical and contemporary, Richmond was shown.

8. **Local Arrangements Committee Report** - New York - John Celardo

John recognized the contributions of Bob Morris, the Local Arrangements Committee, Joe Van Nostrand and Bruce Abrams for their work with the exhibitors, Grant, Fernanda Perrone and Mary Ann Kiernan for the Hospitality Suite refreshments, Leonora Gidlund for acting as treasurer. He then awarded the prizes to winners exhibitors' contest: a camera to Ellen Garrison, a clock radio to Deborah Wythe, television to Brenda Parnes.

9. **Program Committee Report** - New York - Bob Morris

Bob talked about the theme of the meeting, the near miss he and John had when they were scheduled to meet with the Vista Hotel management on the day of the World Trade Center Explosion. Locating workshops at repositories around the city so attendees would get to see those sites, that workshops had full registration were scheduled, and that the eighteen sessions seemed to have generated much discussion. Lucious thanked the Program Committee, Ron Becker for taking over while Bob attended the Archives II dedication, and John Celardo and his Committee for program duties.

10. **New Business**

Lucious thanked all the outgoing and incoming committee chairs and members then recognized Marsha Trimble, outgoing MARAC Administrator, and Diana Shenk, incoming MARAC Administrator.

11. Rebecca Ebert presented the following resolution:

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRAM COMMITTEES, NEW YORK CITY, SPRING MEETING, MAY 14, 1994

For providing us with an opportunity to visit the Big Apple,

For workshops and sessions, both educational and inspirational,

For arranging for King Kong to demonstrate yet another use for Hollinger boxes

For our luncheon speaker who shared the secrets of Houdini,

For providing us with discounts, tours, maps, and souvenirs to suit every taste

For supplying a spacious hospitality suite where delicious food, excellent conversation, and good spirits flowed in equal measure for both nights

For bringing us vendors and prizes galore,

For providing ideas for keeping our cities and suburbs documented

from the

cobblestones to the crabgrass,

For arranging a fashionable reception complete with caviar and a jazz ensemble

In all areas, for creating a most delightful experience.

which was approved unanimously.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Linde
MARAC Secretary

CALENDAR

SAA

Indianapolis

September 7-11, 1994

Washington, D.C.

August 25 - September 3, 1995

San Diego

September 1-8, 1996

For more information, contact: Meeting Planner, Society of American Archivists, 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, Illinois 60605, 312-922-0140

Meetings of Interest

August 13-18

"R.I.T. Preservation of Photographs," a seminar on identifying, handling, and storing photographs for archivists, curators, and historians. Contact: RIT/T&E Seminar Registration, Frank E. Gannett Building, 66 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, New York 14623-5604, 1-800-724-2536.

September 25-29

39th annual conference of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. Five-day conference registration fee for ARMA members, paid by August 6, $560; paid after August 6, $680. Full fee for nonmembers, paid by August 6, is $700; after August 6, is $820. The one-day fee, member or nonmember, is $315 paid by August 6; $365 after that. Hotel rate: $125 Canadian (approximately $100 U.S.) plus taxes. Contact ARMA International at 913-341-3808; 1-800-422-2762 in U.S.; 1-800-433-2762 in Canada.

October 6-8

MAC fall meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota. Contact: Charles Rogers, (612) 297-2344.

October 22-23

Pest, Insect, and Fungus Management: Non-toxic fumigation and alternative control techniques for preserving cultural/historical properties and collections, Boston, MA.

November 3-6

Museum Computer Network annual conference, Seattle. Contact: MCN, 8782 Georgia Ave., Suite 501, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Dates of Interest

October 1, 1994

NHPRC grant applications deadline for Level 2 objectives. For information contact NHPRC, National Archives, Room 607, Washington DC 20408, (202) 501-5610.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Summary of Steering Committee Actions and Reports at the Meeting of May 12, 1994

New York, New York: Steering Committee:

• approved the minutes of the February 23, 1994 Steering Committee meeting, with corrections;

• passed a motion that if the MARAC Administrator receives requests for MARAC mailing lists for a purpose other than MARAC business a fee will be charged;

• passed a motion to accept the short-term proposal presented in the MARAC Administrator's Evaluation Report that the handling of publications be assumed by a volunteer approved by the Publications Committee, with the Administrator still as the contact person;

• passed a motion approving those portions of the Finance Committee's proposal stipulating that MARAC fund two $300 scholarships for attendance at MARAC meeting and that the funds for these scholarships be drawn from any profits made on past meetings starting with Gettysburg (Fall 1993);

• passed a motion to present a service award to Lee Stout;

• passed a series of motions that the Outreach Committee brochures "Research in Archival Institutions" and "Teaching with Primary Sources" be approved, with guide for their use to be presented to the Steering Committee in July, but that the brochure "Questions & Answers About Careers in the Archival Profession" be referred to the Publications Committee for reworking as a MARAC publication with a focus audience of graduate and undergraduate students;

• approved two suggested changes to the bylaws regarding Steering Committee term office and Nominations and Elections Committee structure and operations, to be presented to the membership at the Business Meeting in Richmond;

• set the date and time for the next Steering Committee meeting for July 8 at 10 a.m.; and

• passed a motion to adjourn the Steering Committee meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Chair reported:

• that Paula Williams has agreed to serve as chair of the Arline Custer Award Committee for the coming year;

• that Elaine Parris will succeed Jan Blodgett as chair of the Education Committee

• that Adele Lerner will continue to serve as MARAC representative to SAA committees; and

• that he had received a letter from the University of Delaware Library, enclosing copy of a letter sent by the Library to the Honorable Thomas B. Sharp regarding lack of an adequate storage facility for the Delaware State Archives;

The Vice Chair reported:

• on past and current meetings:

* that he has received the final report from the Gettysburg Meeting from Local Arrangements Chair David Hedrick reporting a net profit of approximately $8,990,

* that the New York City meeting has 300 pre-registrations, thirty exhibitions expected, all workshops have received sufficient registrations, and the Rockefeller Archive Center contributed $1,000 for Friday's reception;

Steering Committee also:

• received the report of the MARAC Secretary that she hopes everyone was satisfied with having the minutes faxed to them prior to the meeting and that all new Steering Committee members are responsible for securing their MARAC manual from their predecessor;

• received the second quarter report of the MARAC Treasurer for fiscal year 1993 that MARAC was approximately $5,000 ahead at the end of this quarter due chiefly to income from the Gettysburg meeting and publications sales, that expenses are at 51% of budget due to funds allocated to the New York City meeting and the Ad Hoc Committee for the APEX Proposal, and that he has just taken out a new certificate of deposit for $30,000 at the highest interest rate being offered and will be shopping for another smaller CD;

• received the report of the MARAC Administrator that membership is currently over 1,100, that she has received 24 requests for caucus lists or other types of member information in the last quarter, that student wage expenses were $468.00, and that publication sales in the past quarter totaled $2,200.54;

• received the final evaluation report of the outgoing MARAC Administrator that the new system of maintaining the MARAC database in-house, put in place when she took over the position, has worked very well but has led to a greater demand on the Administrator's time, that the publications sales are very cumbersome because the automated system is not integrated, and that it is her opinion that MARAC cannot expect to continue to receive this kind of service on a volunteer basis because institutional support and time are required;

• received the report of the Education Committee that CEUs are being awarded for workshop attendance at this meeting, that the Committee is working on a workshop roster, and that Jan Blodgett cannot continue as chair because she is moving out of the MARAC region;

• received the report of the Finding Aids Award Committee that ten submissions have been received from nine institutions, six of which have not previously submitted aids to this competition, and that first place had been awarded to Linda Ries of Pennsylvania State Archives for the "Guide to Photographs at the Pennsylvania State Archives," with the runner-up being Kathleen Roe of the New York State

Archives the revision of the "Guide to Records in the New York State Archives."

• received the report of the Membership Development Committee that the Mentoring Program is up and running at this meeting with about ten pairs matched up but the Committee is still looking for mentors, that three members' terms are expiring, two of those would like to continue, and that everyone is reminded to attend the Members' Orientation on Friday morning;

• received the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Scholarship Proposal including the number and amounts of proposed awards, qualifications, procedures for the application process, and source of funding, and sent the report back to the Committee for revision of some sections;

• received the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the APEX Grant Proposal to NHPRC that reviewers' comments had been received from NHPRC and were responded to, that we should hear whether or not the grant is funded in June, and that the Advisory Committee would meet on Friday morning to discuss the search for a host and the mechanics for hiring a project director;

• received the report of the Outreach Committee that there will be an Outreach Round Table held at the Richmond meeting and that the Committee is discussing a region archives week;

• received the report of the Meetings Coordinating Committee (MCC) on future meetings:

*Fall 1994, Richmond, Virginia, October 27-29 - venue: Richmond Omni Hotel Betsy Pittman, program chair, theme: "The Changing Archival Environment: Through Women's Eyes," Jodi Koste, local arrangements chair,

*Spring 1995, Baltimore, Maryland, no dates set - venue: Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel, no program or local arrangements chairs to date, possibly to be meeting with Oral History Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR),

*Fall 1995, 1996, 1997, Wilmington, Delaware, November 8-11, 1995, November 6-9, 1996, November 5-8, 1997 - venue: Holiday Inn-Downtown, fixed meetings and hotel, room rates: $69.00, no program or local arrangements chairs to date,

*Spring 1996, College Park, Maryland, May 2-4 (tentative) - venue: University of Maryland College Conference Center, no program or local arrangements chairs to date,

*Spring 1997, Charlottesville, Virginia, no dates or venue set, no program Marsha Trimble, local arrangements chair,

*Spring 1998, State College, Pennsylvania, no dates, venue, or committee charged and the report of New York City local arrangements chair John Celardo that registrations were up to 320 and that his father is the artist who did the poster might be able to come and sign autographed copies;

• received the report of the Publications Committee that there are two technicals in production, one of which is about the papers of lawyers and judges, and that Committee is in favor of having a salesperson for publications separate from the administrator and the report of the MAA Editor that problems with the mailing of MAA should be discussed at the State Caucus meetings to try to come up with a solution;

• received the report of the Nominations and Elections Committee announcing the results of the recent election: James Byers, Treasurer, Janet Linde, Secretary, Elise Haug, Delaware State Representative, Rodney Ross, D.C. Representative, Margaret Burri, Maryland State Representative, Ben Primer, New Jersey State Representative, Leonora Gidlund, New York State Representative, Theresa Snyder, Pennsylvania State Representative, Eileen Parris, Virginia State Representative, Armstrong, West Virginia State Representative, Frances Seeber and Diane Windham Shaw, Custer Award Committee, and Geraldine Phillips, Karen Stuart and Marsha Trimble, Nominations and Elections Committee, and including the resolution of a vote in West Virginia and a report on problems with the current structure and procedures of the Committee, which were discussed at length by the Steering Committee.

• heard the Chair's appointment of Joe Anderson and Carolyn Schumacher as the Steering Committee representatives to the Nominations and Elections Committee and the request that Marsha Trimble convene the Committee and apprise its members of committee rules and guidelines so that a Chair can be elected;

• received a report on the reorganization of the New York City Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) proposed in the mayor's budget, which would place that Department under the City's Department of General Services and decided that Chair should write a letter expressing our concern; and

• received a report on the legislation under consideration in New York State together with the "sunset" limitation on that State's Local Government Records Program and decided that the Chair should write a letter in support of this legislation.

News from the National Archives

NHPRC Fellowships in Archival Administration: Institutions Solicited to be Host Institutions

For the 1995-96 year, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is offering two fellowships in archival administration. The Commission is now accepting applications from archival repositories interested in serving as host institutions for the two fellows to be selected. Not-for-profit organizations and institutions, State and local government agencies, and Federally acknowledged or State-recognized Native American tribes or groups are eligible to apply. The application receipt deadline is September 1, 1994. The fellowship program is funded jointly by the Commission and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The Commission views the fellowship program, now in its ninth year, as an opportunity for professional archivists with two to five years' work experience to gain new or additional experience with administrative procedures and problems. Archives interested in applying to serve as one of the two host institutions should be able to expose the fellow to a wide variety of archival administrative experiences, as well as formal management or supervisory training, during the nine to twelve months that the fellow will be working with the host's archival staff. In addition, project directors should be mentors to the fellow, and as such should plan for quality time to be spent with the selected individual. For the 1994-95 fellowship year, the host institutions are the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, and the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul Minnesota.

Each fellow's stipend is $35,000 with a benefit payment of $7,000. Host institutions also are given $1,500 to interview prospective applicants and to use for the selected fellow' professional travel during the fellowship year.

The two host institutions will be chosen by December 1, 1994. At that time, application forms for prospective *individual* fellows will be made available. Individual applications were due March 1, 1994. The two fellows will be selected by the host institutions from the pool of eligible applicants. The fellowships will begin in the late summer or early fall of 1995.

The Commission strongly encourages any interested archives to contact the Commission staff to discuss their application. Commission staff will work with prospective applicants to assure that their proposals include the range of administrative opportunities desired by the Commission. Prospective institutions should request guidelines and application forms from the NHPRC-NP, National Archives Building, Room 607, Washington, DC 20408. **Host applications must be received no later than September 1, 1994**. For further information, contact Laurie A. Baty of the Commission staff at (202) 501-5610.

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Congressional Committee Votes Increase in NHPRC Grant Funds

The full Appropriations Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives has voted to increase funds for grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) by $1.75 million – "provided," in the language of the legislation, that $2 million "shall be a grant to the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Library," at Boston College in Boston, Massachusetts.

The NHPRC is a federal agency that makes grants for the preservation and publication of records and other source materials that document American history. The committee's action would increase NHPRC grant funds from $5.25 million in the current fiscal year to $7 million in fiscal year 1995.

Earlier, a House subcommittee had approved an appropriations bill that would provide $5 million in fiscal year 1995 for grants from the NHPRC. In effect the House Appropriations Committee has accepted that and added $2 million designated for the O'Neill Library.

That would be a cut in grant-funds available for *competitive* awards of $250,000 – 4.8 percent – from the present NHPRC appropriation of $5.25 million. But it is $1 million more for competitive grants than the $4 million requested for NHPRC grants by the Administration in its budget proposals to the Congress for fiscal year 1995, and $3 million more counting the O'Neill grant provision.

The funds for NHPRC grants are in the FY 1995 appropriations bill for the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government. The bill now will go to the full House of Representatives. There has been no action so far on NHPRC grant appropriations in the Senate.

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Public Tours Offered at New National Archives Facility in College Park

On June 14, the National Archives began to offer free public tours of its new state-of-the-art archival facility, the National Archives at College Park, Maryland. National Archives volunteers will lead the tours and answer questions about the new building, known as Archives II. The tours will include the research complex, office areas, laboratories and a records storage area. Visitors should wear comfortable walking shoes because the building is quite large. Archives II is handicapped accessible and there is ample free parking in the garage.

The tours, which last approximately one hour, will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call the National Archives Volunteer and Tour Office at (202) 501-5205 to schedule a tour.

National Archives staff began moving to Archives II in late October of 1993. The first records were moved in November 1993, and the move will continue for the next two years. The

News from the National Archives

research facilities at Archives II opened to the public on February 1, 1994. The building was formally dedicated in a ceremony on May 12, 1994.

National Archives volunteers continue to offer free tours of the downtown National Archives Building in Washington, DC. These tours are offered Monday through Friday at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Reservations are required; please contact the Volunteer and Tour Office at (202) 501-5205 to schedule a tour or for more information on programs for school groups.

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National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Tenth Annual Preservation Conference

Moving Archives

March 14, 1995

In this conference, the preservation concerns of moving archival materials from one physical location to another will be addressed. Paper records (bound and loose), photographic film, (rolls and sheets), maps and engineering drawings, and magnetic tape require special packaging and handling. Experiences with moving these materials during the past two years at NARA have revealed that special care is necessary at every step to assure the safety of the holdings. Speakers will describe 1) the long range planning that went into move-readiness, 2) the screening of materials to be used for packaging, housing, and storage rooms, 3) opportunities to enhance control and holdings maintenance as a part of the move, 4) the physical move itself, and 5) feasibility of gaining more efficient use of space.

National Archives at College Park (Archives II) Auditorium, College Park, Maryland, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reception 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tours of Archives II: March 13, 1995)

Preregistration required: $50.00

For registration information call or fax: Conference Coordinator: Voice: (301) 713-6705; Fax (301) 713-6653 or write: Conference Coordinator, Preservation Policy and Services Division (NNP), National Archives at College Park, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

People

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Bruce Dearstyne and **Tom Mills**, who have been Assistant Directors of SARA of New York, will serve as Acting Codirectors, reporting directly to Carole Huxley, Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education. They will be responsible for SARA's services and programs.

Mary Dickerman, Director of Major and Planned Gifts at the Albany Law School, has been appointed Director of Development for the New York State Archives Partnership Trust.

Jill Rydberg, formerly Associate Director of the Sponsored Programs Information Network, is now Director of Prospect Research for the New York State Archives Partnership Trust.

William Lee Frost, President of the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, has been named first Chair of the Board of Trustees of the New York State Partnership Trust. Other members of the nineteen-person board are being appointed.

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Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference

Treasurer's Report, 1993 - 1994 Fiscal Year
October 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994

Category	Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	% of Budget	Total	1992-93 Actual
REVENUE AND SUPPORT								
Membership Dues	$15,750.00	$11,825.00	$1,117.00			83%	$12,942.00	$12,094.00
Publications Sales	450.00	1,387.38	836.41			500%	2,223.79	566.36
Pub. Advertising	1,200.00	216.00	216.00			36%	432.00	2,225.00
Bank Interest	1,500.00	368.28	869.15			83%	1,237.43	1,226.36
Conferences	6,000.00	14,763.56	9,600.00			250%	24,363.56	4,946.29
Mailing List Sales	160.00	0	0			0	0	160.00
Contributions	360.00	121.00	0			34%	121.00	428.00
Total Revenue and Support	**$25,410.00**	**28,681.22**	**$12,638.56**			**164%**	**$41,319.78**	**$21,646.01**
EXPENSES								
General	$1,400.00	$62.42	$614.18			49%	$676.60	$1,027.86
Administrator	3,300.00	1,056.94	405.39			44%	1,462.33	3,316.51
Treasurer	710.00	29.00	455.00			68%	484.00	512.89
Membership	1,250.00	243.34	703.42			76%	946.76	546.37
Committees	2,675.00	169.56	1,061.89			46%	1,231.45	2,835.38
Conference Advances	2,000.00	0	2,000.00			100%	2,000.00	550.00
Publications	10,700.00	2,258.00	2,167.00			42%	4,425.00	14,982.40
Awards	300.00	200.00	0			67%	200.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	0	0			0	0	22.00
Total Expenses	**$22,385.00**	**$4,019.26**	**$7,406.88**			**51%**	**$11,426.14**	**$24,903.41**
NET INCOME or (NET LOSS)		**$24,661,96**	**$5,231.68**				**$29,893.64**	

SUMMARY

Opening Balance	$65,800.48
Income	12,638.56
Expenses	7,406.88
Closing Balance	**$71,032.16**

Cash Accounts

Checking Accts:	$9,964.03
Savings Accts:	31,302.42
Cert. of Dep:	29,765.71
Total	$71,032.16

Fund	Opening	Credits	Debits	Closing
Current	$25,871.48	$12,638.56	$7,406.88	$31,103.16
Endowment	6,929.00			6,929.00
Reserve	30,000.00			30,000.00
Surplus	3,000.00			3,000.00
Total	**$65,800.48**	**$12,638.56**	**$7,406.88**	**$71,032.16**

EXPENDITURE DETAIL – FY 1994
Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference

Category	Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	% of Budget	1993 Actual
GENERAL								
Secretary	50.00	0	$29.18			$29.18	58%	$0
Nat. Coord. Cmte.	500.00	0	500.00			500.00	100%	500.00
Taxes Filing Fees	100.00	$62.42	85.00			147.42	149.%	27.86
Legal Insurance	750.00	0	0			0	0	500.00
Subtotal	**$1,400.00**	**$62.42**	**$614.18**			**$676.60**	**49%**	**$1,027.86**
ADMINISTRATOR								
Office Postage	$400.00	$212.53	0			$212.53	53%	$283.61
Printing Stationery	500.00	102.09	172.18			274.27	55%	521.21
Salary (student wages)	500.00	360.00	0			360.00	72%	447.79
Mailing Service Costs								
Mid-Atlantic Arch.	750.00	212.08	173.56			385.64	52%	617.57
Membership Renewal	300.00	85.74	0			85.74	28%	425.72
Ballots	350.00	0	0			0	0	301.63
Directory	0.00	0	0			0	0	245.65
Mailing Service	500.00	84.50	59.,65			144.15	29%	473.33
Subtotal	**$3,300.00**	**$1,056.94**	**$405.39**			**$1,462.33**	**44%**	**$3,316.51**
TREASURER								
Postage-Bank Charges	$110.00	$29.00	0			$29.00	26%	$32.89
Accountant	600.00	0	455.00			455.00	76%	475.00
Subtotal	**$710.00**	**$29.00**	**$455.00**			**$484.00**	**68%**	**$512.89**
MEMBERSHIP								
State Caucuses	$1,000.00	$243.34	$703.42			$946.76	95%	$546.37
Membership Renewal	250.00	0	0			0	0	0
Subtotal	**$1,250.00**	**$243.34**	**$703.42**			**$946.76**	**75%**	**$546.37**
COMMITTEES								
Steering	$1,500.00	$105.96	$1,061.89			$1,167.85	78%	$2,215.38
Nominating	300.00	0	0			0	0	0
Finance	50.00	0	0			0	0	0
Finding Aids Award	100.00	0	0			0	0	0
Custer Award	100.00	0	0			0	0	0
Outreach	325.00	63.60	0			$63.60	20%	0
Meetings Coord.	50.00	0	0			0	0	20.00
Education	250.00	0	0			0	0	600.00
Subtotal	**$2,675.00**	**$169.56**	**$1,061.89**			**$1,231.45**	**46%**	**$2,835.38**
PUBLICATIONS								
Mid-Atlantic Arch.	$8,500.00	$2,258.00	$2,167.00			$4,428.00	52%	$8,713.00
Technical Leaflets	1,400.00	0	0			0	0	1,010.70
Membership Directory	0.00	0	0			0	0	2,404.00
Symposia	0.00	0	0			0	0	2,854.70
Membership Brochure	800.00	0	0			0	0	0.00
Subtotal	**$10,700.00**	**$2,258.00**	**$2,167.00**			**$4,425.00**	**42%**	**$14,982.40**
Awards	$300.00	$200.00	0			$200.00	67%	$300.00
Conference Advances	2,000.00	0	2,000.00			2,000.00	100%	550.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	0	0			0	0	22.00
Total Expenses	**$22,385.00**	**$4,019.26**	**$7,406.88**			**$11,426.14**	**51%**	**$24,093.00**

Preservation News

The Commission on Preservation and Access has appointed M. Stuart Lynn as Interim President, effective July 1, upon the retirement of Patricia Battin, President since 1987. Lynn has served as Vice President for Information Technologies at Cornell University since 1988 and has been involved with the Cornell/Xerox project to explore the potential of optical/digital technology for the preservation of the information in brittle books for rapid access.

Lynn brings a background in computer science and electrical engineering to the Commission and we can anticipate even more activity exploring the potential of imaging technologies in archives and libraries on a national and international basis. We look forward to realistic assessment of the effectiveness and the challenges of optical/digital information technologies.

To that end the Carnegie Corporation of New York has awarded a grant of $180,000 to the Commission for partial support of a study of the implications of technological developments for higher education and scholarly communication in the next 20 years. The 18-month study, *Vision 2010,* is being conducted in partnership with the University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies.

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Abbey Publications has surveyed nearly 60 paper mills in the U.S. and Canada to discover how many printing and writing papers on the market qualify as permanent under the newly revised American National Standard ANSI/NISO Z39.48-1992, "Permanence of Paper for Publications and Documents in Libraries and Archives." The paper companies were asked to give the percent of recycled fiber and the percent of post-consumer fiber for each paper. Almost half of the companies responded, reporting a total of 387 papers, 69% of which contain at least some recovered fiber. These results answer the question many people have been asking, "Can paper be both permanent and recycled, or is it necessary to choose between them?" The survey results have been compiled and published in a 51-page booklet, *North American Permanent Paper,* available for $7.00, prepaid, from Abbey Publications, Inc., 7105 Geneva Drive, Austin, TX 78723.

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AIP History Center Receives Substantial Gift

Physics historians have gotten some good news. The American Institute of Physics (AIP) has learned that its Center for History of Physics will receive a bequest of approximately $600,000. The gift, from the estate of Rose Hutchisson, wife of the late Elmer Hutchisson, would be the largest ever left to AIP.

In accordance with the Hutchissons' wishes, the bequest will establish an endowment to be known as the Rose and Elmer Hutchisson Fund, with the fund's annual income going to the Center for History of Physics. The Center currently has an endowment of $1 million to underwrite its services and projects, which include a repository for the papers of eminent physicists, a visual archives, and an on-line database for locating physicists' papers.

Elmer Hutchisson, who served as AIP's second director from 1957 to 1964, spent a lifetime promoting and serving physics and the physics community. Born in 1902 in Cleveland, he received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from the University of Minnesota in 1926.

Hutchisson spent 1936 through 1937 as assistant director of AIP and was instrumental in establishing the *Journal of Applied Physics*, for which he served as editor until 1953. Following a stint in the National Defence Research Council during World War II, Hutchisson became dean of faculty at the Case Institute of Technology in 1944, where he went on to become dean of Case's graduate school and director of the research division.

When AIP's first director H.A. Barton retired, Hutchisson was the unanimous choice to succeed him. As Director of the Institute from 1957 to 1964, he was active in establishing the Center for History of Physics and the Niels Bohr Library, among other projects. After his retirement, Hutchisson continued to serve AIP as a founder and chairman of Friends of the Center for History of Physics, a group formed to encourage and seek private gifts for the Center, He died in 1983.

The AIP Center for History of Physics, located in College Park, Maryland, is the oldest and best-known institution responsible for the history of a particular scientific discipline. The Center's purpose is to preserve and make known the historical record of modern physics and allied sciences.

The AIP is a not-for-profit science organization chartered for the purposes of promoting the advancement and diffusion of the knowledge of physics and its application to human welfare. AIP serves physics and allied sciences by serving its ten member societies, individual scientists, students, and the general public. The ten member societies of AIP represent over 100,000 individuals.

Oral History Association Awards Program

The Oral History Association announces the inauguration of an awards program to recognize outstanding work in oral history in several categories. In 1995 and subsequent odd-numbered years, three awards will be made: for a book that draws upon oral history in a significant way or significantly advances understanding of important theoretical issues in oral history; for a nonprint format production, including film, video, radio program or series, exhibition, or drama, that makes significant use of oral history to interpret a historical subject; and to a precollegiate teacher who has made exemplary use of oral history in the classroom.

In 1996 and subsequent even-numbered years, awards will be made for a published article or essay that either uses oral history to advance an important historical interpretation or addresses significant theoretical or methodological issues for a completed oral history project that has significant scholarly value and exemplifies sound oral history methodology; and to a college or university professor who has made outstanding use of oral history in the classroom.

Awards are honorific and will be announced at the Association's annual meeting, in 1995 in Milwaukee, October 19-22; in 1996, in Philadelphia, October 10-13. The association welcomes entries and nominations from academic scholars, public history institutions and practitioners, independent professionals, and community-based groups and individuals.

For guidelines and submission information, write Jan Dodson Barnhart, Executive Secretary, Oral History Association, Box 3968, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3968. Deadline for submissions for the three 1995 awards is April 1, 1995.

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